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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: RINZLER/BARDOS LETTER AUGUST 15, 1975

1. SMITHSONIAN ETHNOMUSICOLOGIST THOMAS VENNUM RESEARCHING FOLK ARTISTS FOR 1976 FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL IN NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, ARRIVING VIENNA SEPTEMBER 13 TO INITIATE RESEARCH NORTHERN AUSTRIA: WILL OVERLAP IN VIENNA WITH RALPH RINZLER SEPTEMBER 21,22; CONCLUDE RESEARCH IN TYROL PROBABLY SEPTEMBER 25. BOTH MAKING OWN TRAVEL, ACCOMODATIONS ARRANGEMENTS.

2. RINZLER AND VENNUM WOULD APPRECIATE CONFERENCE WITH USIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO ACTING DIRECTOR OF SECTION 5, ABTEILUNG 1, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BALLHAUSPLATZ, TO DISCUSS FUNDING OF PARTICIPANTS# TRAVEL, SELECTION OF A FOLKLORIST TO HELPWITH PRESENTING FOLK ARTISTS AT PERFORMANCES AND A TOUR MANAGER. GOA NOT PREPARED COMPENSATE ANY PARTICIPANTS FOR LOST WORK-TIME SO FOLK ARTISTS CAN BE SELECTED ONLY IF THEY MAKE TRIP ON THEI  
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FOUR WEEK PAID VACATION.

3. VENNUM USING CULTURAL OFFICE AS MAIL DROP WHILE IN  
AUSTRIA. BRINGING 16MM SOUND FILM AND SLIDES OF PREVIOUS

FESTIVALS TO ASSIST HIS PRESENTATION, INGERSOLL

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